

(a) whether it is a fact that the Uttar Pradesh Governor has sent a report to the Central Government with regard to breakdown of constitutional system, owing to extreme irregularities in the election of several bodies conducted in the State, recently;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Children living in jails with their mothers/fathers

1577. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children living in different jails with their mother or father; and

(b) what specific steps are being taken by Government for welfare of such children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per statistics compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, there were 1060 children living with their mother in various jails of the country as on 31.12.2005. The information relating to number of children living with their father in jails is not maintained Centrally.

(b) In the R.D. Upadhyaya vs. State of Andhra Pradesh case, the Supreme Court has formulated guidelines for providing various facilities to the children living with their mothers in prisons. The Supreme Court has directed the State Governments to follow these guidelines which include providing the children with a healthy and clean environment, nutritious diet, good medical care, adequate clothing, educational and recreational facilities. Children below three years are required to be kept in a creche and those between 3—6 years in a nursery. The State Legal Service authorities are also required to periodically inspect prisons to monitor that the directions given by the Supreme Court are followed in letter and spirit.

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The Government of India has written to all the State Governments/Union Territories to comply with these instructions.

Floods in Southern region

1578. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) which deltas in the Southern region of the country were flooded recently, due to the failure of draining the rain water into the sea and poor canal system:

(b) what steps have been proposed to modernize the drains and canals in those States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh, and how much Central assistance has been released to meet the flood losses to the State;

(c) whether the shortage of relief boats has stifled the rescue operations in the recent floods in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what steps have been taken to overcome such shortages, to lessen the trauma of the aggrieved people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Only the State Government of Andhra Pradesh informed that Krishna Delta was flooded in the recent cyclonic rains/floods affecting various parts of the districts of Krishna, Guntur and Prakashm Districts in the State.

(b) Flood management is a State subject. The schemes are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments. However, the Government of India is providing assistance to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and J & K for improvement of drainage systems under the Scheme namely, "Improvement of Drainage in the Critical Areas of the Country", which is implemented by Ministry of Water Resources. The works, *inter-alia*, relate to (i) Nallamada Vagu above Commamur canal, (ii) Bhattiprolu main drain and (iii) Repalle main drain in Guntur District of the State of Andhra Pradesh and an amount of Rs. 4.50 crore has been released up to March, 2006 to Government of Andhra Pradesh during the 10th Plan for taking up these works.

The State Government has informed that the Krishna and Godavari Delta canal and drainage systems are as old as 125-150 years. The said canal